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13	IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
14	DISTRICT OF NEVADA	
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16	SUSAN BAKER, ET AL.,	Case No.: 3:20-cv-00518-MMD-CLB
17	Plaintiffs,	
18	v.	MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
19	DEAN MEILING, et al.,	TO FILE THE JOINT SCHEDULING ORDER
	Defendants.	(First Request)
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22	Counterclaimant CHEMEON Surface Technology, LLC ("CHEMEON"), by and	
23	through its counsel, files this Motion for Extension of Time to File the Joint Scheduling Order,	
24	pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 6 and LR IA 6-1.	
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## **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS & AUTHORITIES**

## I. LAW & ARGUMENT

On March 29, 2021, this Court lifted the Stay it had entered pending Plaintiffs' unsuccessful appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, reinstated the previously filed Motions for Judgment on the Pleadings, and ordered the parties to file a Joint Scheduling Order pursuant to LR 16-1 on or before April 28, 2021. (ECF No. 131.) Plaintiffs' counsel made no attempt to contact Defendants' counsel to discuss the joint scheduling order, despite it generally being a plaintiff's responsibility to coordinate the drafting and filing of a joint scheduling order. This afternoon, April 28, 2021, the Court entered its Order granting Defendants' Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings, dismissing Plaintiffs' Complaint with Prejudice. (ECF No. 137.) Pending before the Court remains CHEMEON's Counterclaim. (ECF No. 16.) CHEMEON seeks a brief extension of time of the deadline for the filing of a joint scheduling order to weigh its options regarding its Counterclaim in light of the dismissal with prejudice of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(b)(1) governs enlargements of time and provides: When an act may or must be done within a specified time, the court may, for good cause, extend the time: (A) with or without motion or notice if the court acts, or if a request is made, before the original time or its extension expires; or (B) on motion made after the time has expired if the party failed to act because of excusable neglect.

The proper procedure, when additional time for any purpose is needed, is to present a request for extension of time before the time fixed has expired. *Canup v. Miss. Val. Barge Line Co.*, 31 F.R.D. 282 (W.D. Pa. 1962). Extensions of time may always be asked for, and usually are granted on a showing of good cause if timely made under subdivision (b)(1) of the Rule. *Creedon v. Taubman*, 8 F.R.D. 268 (N.D. Ohio 1947).

In view of the Court's dismissal with prejudice of Plaintiffs' Complaint this afternoon, CHEMEON's Counterclaim is the only claim pending before the Court. CHEMEON requests additional time to consider its options, including whether to proceed with its Counterclaim. Should CHEMEON decide not to proceed with its Counterclaim, a scheduling order will be unnecessary as there will be no claims pending before the Court. This extension of time will

thus give CHEMEON adequate time to assess its options and possibly save the Court and parties from expanding time and recourses on a scheduling order that may be unnecessary.

CHEMEON would normally request a stipulated extension and file the same with the Court, but given the Court issuing its Order this afternoon, CHEMEON has deemed it necessary to file this Motion. This Motion is made in good faith and is not for the purpose of delay.

## II. **CONCLUSION**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 29, 2021

Based on the foregoing, CHEMEON respectfully requests this Motion for Enlargement of Time be granted and the deadline for filing a joint scheduling order be extended seven days, until May 5, 2021.

DATED this 28th day of April, 2021.

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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